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Allen Meliefsky Chosen San Diego County Veteran of the Year

Jewish War Veterans Chapter president Allen Meliefsky has been chosen as the 2008-09 San Diego County Veteran of the Year during the county's annual Veteran of the Year Luncheon and Awards ceremony. A well-known member of the community and active in the San Diego County United Veterans Council, the annual Veterans Day Parade and as a board member of the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center, Meliefsky was honored during Saturday's event at the Scottish Rite Center, making him the 19th veteran selected as San Diego County Veteran of the Year since the program's inception in 1989.

"I am thrilled that Allen Meliefsky was selected as San Diego County's Veteran of the Year," said Tom Johnson, Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs. "Allen has demonstrated his commitment to our Nation's veterans time and time again. I am sure he will bring great honor to the title of San Diego County Veteran of the Year. I also applaud and congratulate all the other nominees, all of whom would have made excellent recipients of this honor."

The "Veteran of the Year" Program was conceived by the United Veterans Council in 1989 and the Veteran of the Year was selected by a committee appointed by the UVC chairman. In 2001 the Board of Directors of the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center took over the Veteran of the Year Program and has selected the Honored Veteran each year since then. The Veteran of the Year luncheon, where the Honored Veteran is named, is now a very large affair, attended by hundreds from the Veterans Community.

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